minor electrical short circuits and spontaneous combustion of coal etc. The Management has taken extensive measures in terms of intensive fire vigilance, elaborate network of fire detection and alarm and protection systems throughout the plant besides educating employees in avoiding fire incidents and effective fire fighting.

Entry of Multi-National Companies in Poultry Industries

6852. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of multinational companies are trying to enter the poultry industries in collaboration with major Indian industrial houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have assessed the impact of entry of these multinationals on small and marginal farmers in the country; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the Indian Poultry Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

New Research Centres in Kerala

6853. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) propose to set up new Research Centres for cash and horticultural crops in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the contribution made by the existing Research Centres in Kerala for development of agriculture in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The existing research centres in Kerala have developed around 50 improved varieties of various horticultural and plantation crops, viz. 7 in Coconut, 3 in Arecanut, 4 in Cashewnut, 8 in black-pepper, 4 in small Cardamom, 1 in ginger, 3 in turmeric 1 in pumpkin, 18 in tuber crops and 1 in lemongrass. The Centres have also developed production technologies and coconut based cropping systems which have contributed towards increased productivity and income.

[*Translation*]

Electronics Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

6854. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges in Surat, Baroda and Bharauch districts of Gujarat separately and the number of electronic exchanges out of them; and

(b) the details of the exchanges of those districts likely to be converted into electronic exchanges during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The number of telephone exchanges in Surat, Baroda and Bharauch districts of Gujarat as on 31.8.91 are 52, 55 and 33 respectively. The number

of electronic exchanges out them are 14, 11 and 8 respectively.

(b) Details are given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Details of Exchanges likely to be converted into electronic exchange in Surat, Baroda and Bharauchd during 1991-92.

Name of District	*Electromechanical*	*Manual*	*Total*
Surat	15	7	22
Baroda	12	5	17
Bharauch	10	6	16

[*English*]

Forged Passports and Fake Travelling Documents

6855. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether forged passports and fake travelling document were used by a large number of Indians who went abroad especially to Eruopean countries during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures contemplated by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 303 cases of forgery in passports were detected by the immigration authorities in 1990 which is not large compared to the number of Indians who travel abroad. To minimise incidence of forgery More Secured Passports with additional security features were introduced in India from August 1990.

New Telephone Connections in Trivandrum and Alleppey Districts of Kerala

6856. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for new telephone connections in Kilimanur and Venjaramood in Trivandrum district and S.L. Puram in Alleppey district as on July 31, 1991;

(b) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide STD facility in those exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT):

(a) The waiting lit position as on 31.7.1991 is;